റാവുബഹദൂർ എ. നാരായണമേനോൻ :

(എ) 1 പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളിൽ പ്രധാനമായവയുടെ വിവരം അടങ്ങിയ ലിസ്റ്റ് കൌൺസിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ബി) ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് സാക്ഷിപ്പെടുത്തിയ ഒരു മറുപടി പറയുന്നതു് വളരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നാണു്. പുതുതായി എഴുതിയുണ്ടാക്കിട്ടുള്ള പോലീസു് മാന്വൽ അച്ചടിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതു് ഉടനെ പുറത്തുവരുന്നതാണു്. അതിൽ എല്ലാ വിവരവും ചേർക്കുന്നതാണു്.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

(ഡി) & (ഇ) 2 കാലനിർണ്ണയം ചെയ്യാത്ത സസ്പെൻഡ് എന്ന ഒരു ശിക്ഷ ആക്ട് കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. ബാക്കി വിവരത്തിനു് ഒരു പട്ടിക കൌൺസിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(എഫ്) ഇല്ല.

(ജി) കാലനിർണ്ണയം ചെയ്യാതെ സസ്പെൻഡ് ചെയ്യുക എന്ന ഒരു ശിക്ഷ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

FEES FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE IN HOSPITALS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

150. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) why in the rules framed by Government governing the levy of charges and fees for medical attendance, etc., the gradation regarding levy of charges for medical attendance, diet, etc., suddenly stops with Rs. 200 or more and Rs. 2—8—0;

(*b*) what is the objection to extend the same further and charges levied accordingly;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether the fees prescribed for operations for all persons having Rs. 100 or more income are the same and no gradation is made?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)* :

(*a*) The charges referred to are for accommodation in the general wards. People with an income of more than Rs. 200 a month cannot be expected to seek admission in these wards along with other patients;

(*b*) there is no objection to fix higher rates for people with higher incomes, if there is any real need for the same;

(*c*) the rules, as they are at present, do not prescribe a grade of charges for operations.

1 Please see Appendix II.

2 Please see Appendix III.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, why no higher fee is levied on persons who are getting more than Rs. 200?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* These rules are more or less tentative. They will be looked into and what is necessary will be done.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is there any special reason for excluding persons who are getting more than Rs. 200? Is it because that the persons who framed the rules or who have had anything to do with the rules will be benefitted?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not think Government had any idea of that sort at all. I have already explained that they are tentative and may probably be modified. This question will also be looked into.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There appears to be some sort of discrimination shown with regard to officers drawing salaries above Rs. 200 and those getting less than Rs. 200.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the patients who are admitted into the pay-wards will come under these rules?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There are already rules existing with regard to pay-wards.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* It may be perhaps that there are pay-wards in Ernakulam that the framers of these rules forgot the case of Trichur. Here officers who are drawing above Rs. 200 may be admitted in the pay-wards. At Trichur, anybody who is suffering must go to the general wards for treatment, and all persons drawing above Rs. 200 as pay will not come under these rules. I think the rule has to be changed in that respect.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* All these things will be looked into later, when we have made a beginning in the first instance.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what exactly is meant by "if there is any real need for the same." Is there any need now to charge persons getting an income of Rs. 200 and less?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* All these are matters which will be looked into later on.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Were not all matters looked into before framing the rules?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes. But in the light of the criticisms offered, these things will be again looked into.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is the practice in the Madras General Hospital?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* In the out-patient department they do not charge anything. In the in-patient department, they charge more or less the same rates as we intend to do here.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does it stop at Rs. 200 there also?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. President: These rules were framed by the Chief Medical Officer on the analogy of similar rules prevailing elsewhere.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the same fees are charged in the mofussil hospitals?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes, the same rate.

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja

Secretary to the Council: Sir, under Standing Order 5 (2), I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has given his gracious assent to the following Bills passed by the Council: (1) The Cochin Registration Act (Amendment) Bill, (2) The Cochin Insolvency Act (Amendment) Bill and (3) the Cochin Child Marriage Restraint Bill.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "4 Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous"

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I request that the House may be pleased to grant an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "4 Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous." As stated in the note circulated among the members, we have to conduct an enquiry into some defalcations in the Ernakulam Government Servants' Co-operative Society. This could not have been anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether this amount of Rs. 1,000 is to be spent for conducting the enquiry into the various charges against the officers of the society?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. The actual amount that may be necessary may be a little less, but we have now put it at Rs. 1,000.

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